Centres (JCTCs) in Goa State through NCUI/Goa State Cooperative Union. During the current financial year, 2009-10, a provision of Rs.27.75 crore is available for implementing cooperative education and training programmes in the country including in the State of Goa. The main activities under the scheme is to oreanize need based training programmes and facilitate the process of human resource development to strengthen the cooperative movement in the state.

Promotion of organic farming

†1528. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to promote organic farming and to declare minimum support price for crops and oilseeds, so that small farmers could get fair price for their produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether it would be considered in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Government is already promoting organic farming in the country through "National Project on Organic Farming" (NPOF), "National Horticulture Mission" (NHM) and "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand" (TMNE).

Under NPOF, financial assistance is provided for capacity building through service providers, setting up of organic input production units, promotion of organic farming through training programmes, field demonstrations, setting up model organic farms and market development.

Under NHM and TMNE, promotion of organic farming has been included as a component and financial assistance is provided for organic cultivation of horticultural crops, setting up of vermi-compost units and organic farming certification.

Government announces each season Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for major agricultural commodities, including crops and oilseeds.

(c) Does not arise.

Use of cow-urine in making insecticide

†1529. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of insecticides manufactured in India along with the percentage of insecticides which are imported;

(b) the percentage of imported materials that are used in the medicines manufactured in the country;

(c) whether any research is being undertaken to bring down this percentage;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.